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HIGH MELT STRENGTH POLYPROPYLENE

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**BOX AF** 

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 18, 2002, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to March 18, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## **AMENDMENTS**

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 13. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing linear high melt strength propylene homopolymers and copolymers, comprising the steps of
  - subjecting propylene and optionally other olefins to polymerization in a plurality of polymerization reactors connected in series wherein said reactors are selected from

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